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Information concerning the population, schools, industry, and agriculture/~~_____~~
in the Vainke-Maarja Rayon of the Estonian SSR

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I. Population

Population of the rayon is 18,000.

II. Schools

There is a 10-year school in Vaike-Maarja which is for the entire rayon. There are 7-year schools in Simona, Laikere, Rakke, Tamsalu, and Porkuni. The school for the deaf for the whole USSR is in Porkuni. The school superintendent in Porkuni, Viktor KURINS [redacted] is a member of the CPSU. The school superintendents in Rakke and Laikvere (names not known) are also members. [redacted] the rest of the school employees in the rayon are not Communists.

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III. Occupational breakdown

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| 1. Kolkhoz and sovkhos workers with families | 75 to 80 % |
| Kolkhoz workers (without families) | 10 to 12 % |
| 2. Workers in industry and trade | 15 % |
| 3. Officials | 5 to 8 % |

IV. Deportations

About 3,000 persons were deported from the rayon after incorporation into the USSR. About 1,000 of these deportees have later returned to the rayon.

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V. Industry

Two lime plants with an aggregate production of about 375 tons per day.

One railroad tie factory with about 40 workers.

One combine (kombinat rayispolkom) for production of horse-drawn wagons (telegi), 4 to 5 wagons per day, and furniture.

One combine (kombinat raypotrebsoyuz) for preparation of leather for shoes, bread bakery, and a chalk mine with about 10 workers.

One butter factory with about 10 workers.

the above named enterprises constitute the entire industry of the rayon.

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VI. Agriculture

1. Sovkхозes

5 sovkhoses in all, with milk and hogs as the main production. A total of 9,000 hogs; the largest milk producing sovkhos has 600 cows. One of the sovkhoses over-fulfills its yearly plan. Two sovkhoses were started in 1956; one fulfilled its plan and the other did not. The other two are medium good sovkhoses which sometimes fulfill their plans and sometimes don't.

2. Kolkхозes

There are 29 kolkхозes in all, of which 9 fulfill their plans. There are an average of 60 to 70 workers on each kolkhoz, most of them married and with families. There is a large number of aged people who do not work on the kolkхозes. The principal products for all the kolkхозes is milk and hogs. The best kolkhoz in the rayon (Rahva Voit near Laikvere) is the smallest one. It has 700 hectares of land, about 200 cows, about 400 hogs, and 60 workers, in all about 70 families. The wages per workday (trudoden') are 4 to 5 rubles, 4 kg. grain, and about 1 kg. potatoes. The poorest kolkhoz in the rayon (Bolshevik, about 12 km. northeast of Vainke-Maarja) is the largest one. It has about 3,000 hectares of land, about 200 cows and 500 to 600 hogs. It has about 50 to 60 workers and about 180 aged people. Wages per workday are 0.80 rubles and 700 to 800 grams of grain.

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By way of comparison it can be mentioned that the kolkhoz which is held forth in the Estonian press as the best in the ESSR pays, per workday, more than 10 rubles in money, 4 to 5 kg. of grain, 1 to 1.5 kg. potatoes, and vegetables and hay. This kolkhoz is named Uus Klu and is in Rapla rayon.

3. MTS's

The rayon has two MTS's Vao MTS which serves about 16 of the kolkhozes, and Paasvere MTS which is somewhat smaller and serves the rest of the 20 kolkhozes. Vao MTS has about 20 tractors, about 15 combines, 5 or 6 threshing machines, and plows, harrows, and other equipment. The MTS's have worked well since 1953 when they became adequately supplied with machinery and maintenance and repair service.

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